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Meet the 2018 SGA presidential candidates



By KYRA BISCARNER
THE PARTHENON

Hunter Barclay is a junior international affairs major with a pre-med concentration running for student body president. He is from Frostburg, Maryland. According to Barclay, he wants to put an emphasis on mental health for all students and work to bring a new perspective to student government. Hannah Petracca is a sophomore marketing major. Petracca is from Fairmont, West Virginia. According to Hannah, as soon as she set foot on campus, Marshall stole her heart and she knew there was work to be done here and said she hopes she can make a difference on campus.

(Hunter) What do you want the student body to know about you personally?

I want the student body to know that, as

an outsider candidate, I am willing to work with SGA, but I also want to bring some fresh ideas and that I am motivated by my platform and not the position. When I arrived at Marshall, I did not know anyone here, so I had to establish my own roots in the community. I think it was extra work, but I think that extra work was also beneficial, because it forced me to make the effort and go and reach out to different organizations and different groups on campus and have to learn everything brand new.

(Hannah) What do you want the student body to know about you personally?

I want students to know that I'm genuine. My heart is a lot bigger than I lead people to believe sometimes. I really genuinely care

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By GINNY BLAKE
THE PARTHENON

Jeremiah Parlock is a sophomore political science major running for president. He is from Huntington, West Virginia. Parlock said he is passionate about Marshall and the students. He is running with Rachel Delaney as his vice-president pick. Their platform stands for SET- "Security, Engagement and Transparency." Rachel Delaney is a sophomore psychology and communications double major. She is from Cleveland, Ohio. Delaney calls Marshall her home away from home. She said her main goal is to make others to feel engaged on campus.

(Jeremiah) What is something about you want the student body to know?

"People in my life told me I could go to much bigger schools or more prestigious

schools than Marshall. They told me not to settle for Marshall. But, I did not see things the same way. I did not see Marshall as a lesser option, I saw it as a great opportunity. Marshall offers the close-knit, family feeling that other schools cannot match. Additionally, the quality of education at Marshall is something I have high regard for, contrary to what others may have told me through my life."

(Rachel) What is something about you want the student body to know?

"I am most passionate about interacting with others. Everything I do - my major, my lifestyle, my choices are reflective of my love for people. I believe that open dialogue is the key to pushing ideas forward. As a cabinet, we are pushing that belief in our agenda."

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Madison Davis is a junior biology pre-med major with minor in chemistry running for student body president. She is from Ashland, Kentucky. Davis has served on the Student Government Association alongside running mate Maddy Parker since becoming an apprentice her freshman year. Davis said she wants to give a voice to the students of Marshall University and represent them both accurately and transparently.

Maddy Parker is a junior elementary special education and political science double major running for vice president. She is from Barboursville, West Virginia. Parker has served on the Student Government Association alongside running mate Madison Davis since becoming an apprentice her

freshman year. As vice president, Parker said she wants to make sure all students feel included and accommodated.

(Madison) Was there something specific that inspired you to run?

"I actually had never really planned on it, and then last March, (Maddy Parker and I) helped Matt Jarvis and Emily Kinner campaign. Maddy called me one night and said, "We should do that." Over the next week or so, she kept saying it, and the more I kept thinking about it I was like, "You know I really do care. I really do like that idea. We definitely have the drive and dedication for it." So, I was like "Yeah, let's go for it." So, this has been a year in the making."

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By KYRA BISCARNER
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Marcus Tucker is a sophomore exercise science major running for student body president. He is from Eleanor, West Virginia. According to Marcus, he wants to be an advocate for all students and wants to use his personal experiences to help other students. Marcus said he wants to focus on safety, diversity and inclusion and acceptance and tolerance in his platform. Noelle Soares is a sophomore criminal justice major with a concentration in legal studies and a minor in psychology. Noelle is from Martinsburg, West Virginia. Noelle said although she is from farther away Marshall has become her own home away from home and wants to focus on helping other students feel this way as well. **(Marcus) What do you want the student**

body to know about you personally?

"I want them to know that we're here to advocate for them, and we're here to push acceptance. That's a big thing, coming from me, it took a long time for me to accept who I was as a person, because I am an LGBTQ+, and it took me a long time to express that, and I want people to be able to do that as well."

(Noelle) What do you want the student body to know about you personally?

"I'm passionate about Marshall. It has become my home away from home. I live on campus. I'm highly involved. I'm really passionate about the students who are enrolled here and their voices and the organizations I'm a part of, as well as the organizations that surround campus."

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Marshall students march to raise awareness about women's history



Members of the campus community gathered outside of the Memorial Student Center for the International Women's Day march. They held up handmade signs to raise awareness for women's history, successes and to bring further attention to the missing and murdered indigenous women across the nation.

By **HANNA PENNINGTON**
THE PARTHENON

Members of the campus community faced the cold Thursday afternoon to raise awareness for women's history and missing and murdered indigenous women during the International Women's Day March on the Memorial Student Center plaza.

Many participants wore red and carried signs in support of native women around the globe who statistically suffer more from sexual assault and murder each year than the majority.

"We have an epidemic in this country that so many of us are simply unaware of," Jamie Herman, vice president of the SOCity, said. "There are hundreds, if not thousands, of missing and murdered

indigenous women in America and Canada."

Danielle Mullins, secretary of the SOCity and graduate student at Marshall, said a lack of diversity in the area is part of the problem.

"Native women in America experience higher rates of violence and sexual assault and just, going missing, than any other demographic in the country, and a lot of us here don't know about it simply because we sometimes kind of lack diversity," Mullins said. "So by bringing this up and bringing these issues to light, we're hoping to try to solve the problem of murdered and missing indigenous women."

The march also highlighted the importance of equality in the workforce.

Janet Dooley, associate dean of the College of Arts and Media, represented the West Virginia Women's March of Huntington and spoke about her research on women in the workforce, specifically in journalism and mass communications.

Dooley said many historic writings written by women were published under male pen names.

"They wrote under those pen names because they wanted their work to be accepted," Dooley said. "In classic journalism and communication history, women's opinions are silent."

Dooley said recognizing the work of women and other underrepresented groups can widen the perspective of many.

"It redefines what constitutes news and reaches

targets that have been invisible and sets aside the model of accomplishment that's always been in terms of building empires and accomplishments in technology and all those traditional terms," Dooley said. "We've made some progress, and we continue, there's a lot more to be done."

Mullins said women all over deserve to be treated with the same respect as men.

"We make up over half the planet and we're pretty rad; we should get paid and get paid equally, and be respected, and we shouldn't have to fear sexual assault or things like that," Mullins said. "It's 2018, let's get past that."

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'Trailblazers and Truth Tellers' to show movies of female triumphs to honor Women's History Month

By **MICHAELA CRITTENDEN**
THE PARTHENON

"Women's History Month is an opportunity to highlight women's accomplishments and amplify their voices," Women's Center program coordinator Claire Snyder said. "That's why we titled this series 'Trailblazers and Truth Tellers.'"

"Trailblazers and Truth Tellers" is a series of movie nights the Marshall University's Women's Center and Housing and Residence Life provide for students over the course of March.

"In each of the true stories depicted in these films, women confronted discrimination, exploitation and injustice with grace and courage," Snyder said. "It's important that we revisit these stories that have been hidden or discounted for too long."

"Hidden Figures" played on Tuesday, "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" screens on Monday, and "Confirmation" will conclude the movie series on March 26.

Snyder said that people should remember that progress is not always linear; there has been progress, but there is

"We don't celebrate Women's History Month to just say, 'Wow, things were bad, but, we've come a long way, baby.'" **CLAIRE SNYDER**

still discrimination.

"We don't celebrate Women's History Month to just say, 'Wow, things were bad but we've come a long way, baby,'" Snyder said. "Like Henrietta Lacks, women still face discrimination in healthcare.

Like the NASA computers, women are still underrepresented in the STEM fields, and as anyone with a social media feed knows, our nation is reckoning like never before with the sexual harassment Anita Hill called out decades ago. So, these stories are just as relevant today as they were when they occurred. We watch them on film not to congratulate ourselves but rather to learn and be inspired."

Snyder said she hopes students recognize that the films affected actual lives.

"These films depict lots of hard, ugly, uncomfortable truths," Snyder said. "They ask us to put ourselves in the characters' shoes and wonder how we would have reacted, how we would have participated in shoring up or tearing down sexism, racism and injustice of all kinds. I hope students will, perhaps, gain some new perspective on social justice issues in the news today and be inspired to speak truth and take action in their own lives."

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Marshall to vote whether to expand CAB budget

By **AMANDA LARCH**
THE PARTHENON

The Office of Student Activities will conduct a vote on the issue of expanding the Campus Activity Board's student activities budget Tuesday and Wednesday.

Briana Murphy, public relations director for CAB, said the expansion consists of a fee increase which would allow CAB more money to have bigger events on campus and provide more free trips and activities for students.

"We'd be able to do a lot more large-scale things for students, like bringing acts as big as Cardi B, but also it would allow all our activities that students have to pay a small fee for, to be free," Murphy, junior public relations major, said. "Like the

ACE adventure trip this week costs \$20, but with the fee increase it would be free."

Rachel Sullivan, coordinator of public relations for CAB, said the student activities expansion idea and vote was a collaborative effort.

"The idea came about while thinking up programming ideas and realizing that we could do so much more for the students if we had a higher budget," Sullivan, sophomore social work major, said. "Personally, I think it is a great idea. Being part of CAB, I have gained a better understanding of what the students would like to see here at Marshall, and I want to make these things happen. We can only do it with this increase."

If the vote is passed, it will take effect in

the fall semester of 2018.

Sullivan and Murphy said they hope there will be many positive results if everyone votes yes.

"I hope it will encourage more students to attend events CAB hosts, because these events are a great way to spend time with friends, meet new friends and get involved on campus," Murphy said. "The fee increase will only better help encourage students to get involved and attend student events."

Voting will begin Tuesday at 8 a.m. and end Wednesday at 4 p.m. on the same Herdlink page as Student Government Association elections.

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Body Shots XI: (S)heroes celebrates female empowerment on campus

By **SARAH INGRAM**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's faculty and staff dressed as different heroines to celebrate female empowerment with Body Shots XI: (S)heroes, an event used to promote Women's History Month since 2007.

The event consisted of different women presenting poetry and stories they have written as well as short films they have produced. Each reading and viewing addressed some of the ways the readers learned to be powerful as well as some of the hardships women face.

With readers addressing body positivity, the empowering females in their life, a short comedy skit about The Avengers needing to fulfil their affirmative action requirement, the show consisted of a variety of content for those who attended.

Beth Wolfe, the director of continuing education at Marshall, read various poems she wrote to the audience. Her presentation included pieces titled, "Because A Strong Woman Raised Me," an explanation of how much her mother influenced her confidence, and, "Nevertheless, She Persisted," an acrostic poem where Wolfe showed each letter of the title in sign language.

Wolfe said her niece is only four years old and already has a unique personality, and she hopes her niece stays that way as she grows up.

"I feel like a strong personality often gets pulled out of girls," Wolfe said. "I hope maybe I can inspire (my niece) like she inspires me."

Marshall's Film Club also attended the (S)heroes event to address a problem many of its members often face. The

group created a short film that included different ways females who enjoy cosplaying get sexually harassed at cosplay events. To cosplay means to dress up as different characters from books, movies or video games.

Erin Fife, a sophomore computer science major, wrote the short film to raise awareness on an issue that many people do not appear to know exists.

"When I went to my first cosplay event, my dad had to actually pull me aside," Fife said. "He told me that people were going to be inappropriate and mean, and I didn't believe it until I got there and actually saw it. Nobody should go through that."

Sunny Hudnall, a freshman psychology major at Marshall, said she attended

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Herd football alumni return for pro day, set sights on NFL

By **LUKE CREASY**
THE PARTHENON

The journey to the National Football League is anything but easy. It starts long before the NFL Combine or pro-day workouts. Former Marshall University football student-athletes Rodney Allen, Davon Durant, Hyleck Foster, Sandly Jean-Felix, Chase Litton, C.J. Reavis, Kaare Vedvik and Ryan Yuracheck, along with former West Virginia University and Los Angeles Rams wide receiver Stedman Bailey, completed one last workout inside the Chris Cline Indoor Athletic facility Wednesday morning, but this was no normal routine. This one was for a chance at a future in professional football.

Yuracheck returned to Huntington to workout at Marshall's pro-day along with six other former teammates. He said this weekend has allowed him to take a look at how far he has come from when he first stepped on campus as a freshman, and is ready for the challenge that lays ahead.

"I was talking to my dad last night and he said if I would have dreamed that five years ago as a freshman that I would have been participating in pro-day and had a chance to make a NFL roster, I would have given the world for that," Yuracheck said. "Obviously, there's still a long way to go from now until the end of April, a lot of workouts, but it's amazing."

For Yuracheck, it was also a chance to get back out on the field with his former signal caller, Litton, who made the decision to forego his senior season and enter the NFL draft. Litton worked out at the NFL Scouting Combine this past week and said the tight end stacks up to the competition at that position fairly well.

"I saw some tight ends at the combine and he's right there with them," Litton said. "His stature, his ability, it's second to none. I'm proud of him and proud to come out and throw the ball with him one last time wearing some Marshall clothes. Hopefully we can do it somewhere else."

Thirteen NFL teams were represented at Marshall's pro-day, including the reigning Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles. Two Canadian Football League teams also were in attendance. Former Herd defensive lineman Davon Durant, who benched 33 reps of 225 pounds and logged a 37-inch vertical jump, says that success from this moment on is more than a workout, its discipline.

"They tell you to sleep, you sleep," Durant said. "They tell you to eat, you eat. You work-out and get the reps, but it's honestly the same. Marshall had a strict training program so it's not too big of a change, the coaching staff did a good job of getting us ready."

Litton said even with pro-day workouts and the NFL combine in the rear-view mirror, his work has only just begun, as with any other athlete making a push for professional football, he must continue to work.

"Start prepping for workouts," Litton said. "If a team wants to work me out here, I'll fly up and do it here. If they want to work me out down in Tampa, I'll do it there and then prep for visits. "Studying the playbook and meeting with coaches. Nothing changes. I'm still going to train like I've got the combine the next day. I've got to continue to try and improve."

It's now up to each individual athlete to remain ready for his future at the next level, a future that might just start on draft weekend.

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Quarterback Chase Litton (14) calls out a play during the Herd's game against ODU October 14, 2017. Litton, who declared for the NFL Draft, took part in the NFL Scouting Combine last week and Marshall's pro day Wednesday.

Herd baseball overcomes early road trip, readies for home opener against Niagara

By **KIERAN INTEMANN**
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall baseball didn't start the season with the most ideal playing schedule. The Thundering Herd opened with 10 consecutive road games to begin the season, playing a trio of three-game series and a single midweek game.

The Herd overcame those early season schedule issues, going 7-3 on the long road trip with series wins at Florida A&M, Elon and Appalachian State. Marshall rides a three-game win streak into Friday's 2 p.m. home opener against Niagara after defeating Western Carolina in a midweek game Tuesday. The matchup with the Purple Eagles is a four-game series, with a doubleheader Saturday and single games Friday and Sunday.

"This is such an exciting team to watch," head coach Jeff Waggoner said following Marshall's 12-8 win over WCU Tuesday evening. "They get timely hits at the right time, and the pitching has kept us in games."

Prior to the season, Waggoner said that pitching was a strength for the Herd. Juniors Wade Martin and Joshua Shapiro and senior Brad O'Connor all returned as starters, and senior Will Ray transitioned into a starting pitching role prior to the start of the season after playing primarily as an infielder in 2017.

However, the Herd has bucked Waggoner's thoughts during this opening 10-game stretch, ranking second in Conference USA in batting average while using its speed to create havoc on the basepaths, going 18-for-25 on stolen base attempts. Marshall has seven players with a batting average over .300 (minimum 10 plate appearances) and 11 players with batting averages over .250, regardless of the number of plate appearances. In addition, the Herd has benefitted from key contributions from players who had struggled in past years.

Junior catcher Rey Pastrana and redshirt senior utilityman Tucker Linder, two players that had either been poor at the plate or role players, are among the team's leading hitters at .364 and .378, respectively. Pastrana leads the team with 14 runs batted in (RBI) and is tied for the team lead with two home runs. Linder has 14 hits through the first 10 games,

including a pair of doubles, to go along with a home run and eight RBI.

When the Herd has late leads, the bullpen has shut down the opposition. Senior Gordon Cardenas, a transfer from Auburn, has a 0.87 earned run average (ERA) in more than 10 innings out of the bullpen and has been Waggoner's go-to choice in late-inning situations.

"He's a bulldog. He has that mentality to finish off the other team," Waggoner said of Cardenas, who leads the Herd with three wins. Cardenas has allowed one run while walking four and striking out 11.

Ray leads the Herd starting pitchers in most statistical categories. Starting primarily on Sundays after being used exclusively as an infielder and relief pitcher in 2017, Ray has posted a stout 1.08 ERA through his first three starts, pitching 16 2/3 innings, while giving up two earned runs, walking six and striking out 11.

Marshall is familiar with this weekend's opposition, as the Herd and Purple Eagles faced off in a three-game series in Huntington in 2017. Marshall took two of the three games in the series, taking the final two games after dropping the opener.

Niagara has struggled out of the gate, going 1-5 in its first six games. The Purple Eagles have lost five straight and have not won a game since their opening game of the season against Longwood. Pitching has hurt Niagara this season, as every starter has an earned run average over five, while five relievers have ERAs over 14.

The Purple Eagles have not received much help at the plate, either. Niagara hitters have struck out on average nearly 10 times per game (57 in six games), while eight batters for the Purple Eagles have batting averages below .250.

Martin figures to get the ball for the Herd in the series opener Friday, with O'Connor likely pitching in one of the two Saturday games and Ray staying in his role as the Sunday starter. Sophomore Zac McNeel, who started in the midweek game against WCU, or Shapiro, who started throughout his first two seasons, will likely start the second Saturday game.

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Guy scores 19, No. 1 Virginia tops Louisville in ACC tourney

By **MIKE FITZPATRICK**

NEW YORK (AP) — Kyle Guy and No. 1 Virginia looked like healthy favorites in their postseason debut, beating Louisville 75-58 on Thursday in the quarterfinals of the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament.

Guy scored 19 points in his speedy return from a sprained left knee and the top-seeded Cavaliers (29-2) weathered a second-half charge. They'll play 19th-ranked and fourth-seeded Clemson in the first semifinal Friday night in Brooklyn.

Devon Hall had 14 points as Virginia methodically dismantled a Louisville team desperate for a big upset to augment its NCAA Tournament credentials. Instead, the ninth-seeded Cardinals (20-13) will sweat out Selection Sunday hoping for an at-large bid.

Guy sprained his left knee last Saturday in the regular-season finale against Notre Dame and went scoreless in 18 minutes. But the sophomore guard, Virginia's leading scorer and a first-team All-ACC selection, started against the Cardinals as expected, wearing a large, black brace on his knee.

Coming off curls and firing from long range, he shot 7 of 14 from the field — including 4 for 6 on 3-pointers — in 36 minutes. Guy also grabbed a team-high seven rebounds,

and his three-point play with 2:35 left made it 69-54 soon after Louisville had sliced the margin to four.

Virginia opened a 17-point lead late in the first half and was still up 13 before the Cardinals went on an 11-2 spurt to trim the deficit to 56-52 with 8:55 remaining. But reserve forward Mamadi Diakite scored six straight Cavaliers points inside, putting in his own airball after it slipped out of Louisville's grasp, and Virginia regained control.

A week earlier, the Cardinals nearly took down Virginia at home before losing 67-66 in gut-wrenching fashion. They led by 13 with 11 minutes to play and by four with 0.9 seconds on the clock, but redshirt freshman DeAndre Hunter, the ACC Sixth Man of the Year, banked in a 3-point heave at the buzzer to win it for the Cavaliers.

A second-round victory Wednesday over Florida State gave the Cardinals another shot at Virginia, but this time they came up way short.

Hunter had 12 points for the Cavaliers and Ty Jerome, from nearby New Rochelle in the suburbs, added 11. Diakite scored 10, helping UVA to a 42-16 advantage in the paint.

Ray Spalding led Louisville with 16 points, and Deng Adel had 13. The Cardinals

stayed in it for a while by making nine 3s, but shot just 36.7 percent overall against the nation's stingiest scoring defense.

BIG PICTURE

Louisville: As this scandal-plagued season nears an end, the Cardinals dropped to 1-3 in ACC Tournament games. If they don't get invited to the NCAAs, they'll certainly wonder what might have been if they had held off Virginia last week.

Virginia: Of course, the Cavaliers would love to add to their accomplishments this season by winning the school's third ACC Tournament title. But after running away with the regular-season crown by four games, they probably have little else on the line in Brooklyn. The unanimous No. 1 team in the nation after beginning the season unranked, Virginia figures to have a top seed in the NCAA Tournament — perhaps even the No. 1 overall seed — already locked up. The Cavaliers are looking for their first national championship. They've been to the Final Four twice, in 1981 and 1984 under coach Terry Holland.

UP NEXT

Louisville: Will hold its breath on Sunday.

Virginia: The school's fourth ACC semifinal appearance in five years.

After oversleeping, Larrazabal shoots 67 at Indian Open

NEW DELHI (AP) — Pablo Larrazabal awoke with a start, just 38 minutes before his tee-off time in the first round of the Indian Open.

He had a "10-second shower," a wild car ride through the streets of Delhi, and hit just 10 balls on the range before dashing to his first hole, the 10th. The disrupted preparation didn't seem to affect him.

With adrenaline pumping through his body, the Spanish golfer made nine birdies along with two bogeys and a double to shoot 5-under 67 on Thursday.

Larrazabal was tied for second place with Paul Peterson and Matteo Manassero, two shots behind leader Emiliano Grillo.

Larrazabal said his phone reverted to Spanish

time overnight, meaning his alarm didn't go off, and he needed a wake-up call by a European Tour official.

"Waking up this morning, I didn't think I was going to make it," Larrazabal said. "Delhi's traffic is quite tough. I got lucky that we didn't have traffic."

Searching for his first European Tour victory, Grillo started and finished his round with birdies and had six more in between at the tough DLF Golf and Country Club.

Two days after receiving a special invitation to play in the Masters at Augusta, Shubhankar Sharma had wildly contrasting nines but recovered for a 1-over 73 on his home course.

Starting on the back nine, Sharma shot 41

with three bogeys and a double bogey. But he came back on his final nine to shoot 32, with four birdies.

Sharma held the 54-hole lead in his first World Golf Championship appearance last week, in Mexico. He finished tied for ninth after a closing 74.

Sharma was at No. 462 in the world three months ago when he shot 61 in the second round and won the Joburg Open. He closed with a 62 last month to win the Malaysian Open, making him the only two-time winner on the European Tour this season.

The first round was suspended because of bad light, with 24 players still to finish. Two were on 5 under: Adrien Saddier (after 17 holes) and Keith Horne (after 16 holes).



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India's Subhankar Sharma approaches the green on the 16th hole in the final round of the Mexico Championship at Chapultepec Golf Club in Mexico City Sunday.

Editorial

Could Ojeda be West Virginia’s next U.S. congressman?



West Virginia Senator Richard Ojeda (D-Logan, 07) is running to represent the mountain state’s third district in United States Congress. A recent POLITICO Magazine article calls him, “JFK with tattoos and a bench press.”

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West Virginia State Senator Richard Ojeda has only held public office for a little over a year, but in his short term has certainly made himself heard loud and clear. One of his major accomplishments during his time in the Senate is his role in sponsoring the West Virginia Medical Cannabis Act, a bill making medical marijuana legal in the state, which was signed into law on April 19, 2017.

Having spent 25 years in the military, rising through the ranks and achieving the rank of major, he ran for this same congressional seat in 2014, losing to incumbent Democratic representative Nick Rahall, who was ultimately beat by Republican Evan Jenkins. Despite his loss in the 2014 primaries, Ojeda is back for round two, and it seems this may be his year. In a state that voted for Donald Trump in an overwhelming majority, Ojeda may be the only Democrat with a chance.

Ojeda became something of a champion in the recent West Virginia teacher work stoppage, supporting teachers and other public employees from the beginning, and vehemently defending them within the majority Republican state Senate. Because of his role in this historic movement, the rough and rowdy state senator has gained attention on the national stage.

“Because here is Ojeda,” writes POLITICO Magazine’s Craig Hudson, “a pro-labor, twang-talking, plainspoken populist, scrambling the state’s recent rightward shift by harkening back to a deeper, more radical vein of its rich political history.”

Hudson alludes to the West Virginia miner strikes in the early 20th century, calling teachers the new miners, due to the fact that teachers make up the largest union in the state.

As Hudson made his way through the crowd of teachers, some asking for selfies and autographs, former MSNBC host Krystal Ball, the current leader of the PAC the People’s House Project, announced his future congressional win with great confidence.

“She said this with a certainty that startled me,” Hudson writes. “I had to lean in to make out her words. ‘And it’s going to be an instant national story! And Richard is going to be an instant national figure and face of the Democrats!’”

While Ojeda’s popularity sky-rocketed during the West Virginia teacher walk-out, he still must face a large number of political opponents, with the third district having the most candidates out of all three West Virginia districts.

It seems clear that Ojeda will win the primary, but then he will go up against the state’s Republican candidate in the general election, with Republicans Carol Miller, current member of the West Virginia House of Delegates, and Conrad Lucas, the state’s GOP chair.

When it comes to money, Ojeda falls far behind, having raised about \$35,000 as of Dec. 31. Compared to Miller’s \$288,000, it would seem Ojeda does not stand a chance, but from what we’ve seen in the public, it is precisely that non-political behavior of him that has drawn people to him.

“I’m real,” Ojeda told POLITICO. “I’m not polished. I’m sorry, but if you want a dag-gone, typical polished politician, vote for Conrad Lucas. But people are tired of that bullshit. People are tired of the same ol’ garbage. They want people that are willing to speak out, speak up, be open and honest with them.”

Maybe Richard Ojeda really is exactly what West Virginia needs.

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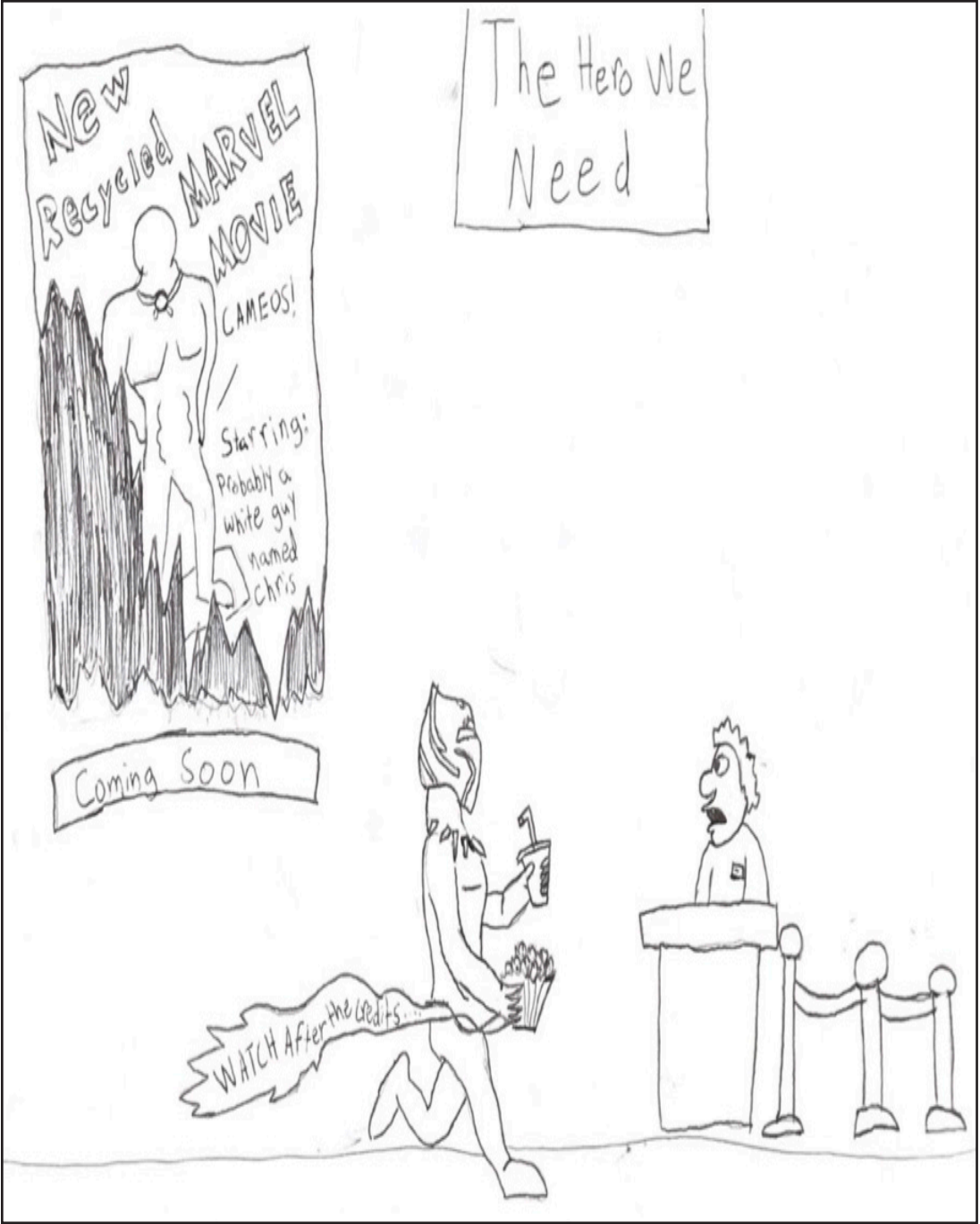
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(Maddy) Was there something specific that inspired you to run as vice president?

Something cool about our ticket- it wasn't like you're going to be president, I'm going to be vice president. Neither of us were power hungry. Instead we formed this ticket because we love our ideas and what we want to do. We really want to help students.

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about the students that walk this campus and if I could meet all of them in a day's work I would because I care about people and what they're going through. I would love to do anything I can to help people reach their full potential and that's where my heart is. So I think if there's anything I want students to know it's that I'm here and I'm all ears and I'm all heart. I want to be available to all students and be a genuine face that anyone can talk to.

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the event because she is a dedicated feminist and believes all women should be treated fairly.

"I came in not knowing what to expect," Hudnall said. "But there are women here from all over campus and not even on campus that came out to use their voices and spread their own experiences. I absolutely loved it."

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MU #Presses for Progress

By MICHAELA CRITTENDEN THE PARTHENON

Marshall University celebrated Women of Color Day Tuesday with a “#PressforProgress” luncheon. A national network of women established Women of Color Day in 1986 to celebrate women of African, Indian, Asian, Pacific Island, Latina, Hispanic and Native Alaskan heritages.

“Women of Color Day is important to me because it shows that, despite stereotypes, what you may see on TV or social media, we have dynamic women of color impacting lives and making change, and they are right on our campus and in our community,” Shaunte Polk, sponsored programs administrator for Inter-cultural Affairs, said. “Sometimes it is so hard as a woman to get the recognition that we deserve and even more so when you are one of color, but when you have programs such as these that highlight amazing women, it gives everyone on campus and in the community a glimpse of the reason we appreciate these women so much.”

Polk said Press for Progress came from the International Women's Day celebration. It was the international's celebration theme and she said she believed it would fit with the Women of Color celebration as well.

The luncheon featured guest speaker Terri'Ane Berkley, a native of Charleston, West Virginia and executive director of the East End Family Resource Center in Charleston.

“Terri is someone who always been a passionate and dynamic speaker, whether it was giving a speech or reading a poem, and when she speaks it leaves you in awe,” Polk said. “To the committee, she was just the person to drive home the point of this year's overall message for the Women of Color program #pressforprogress.”

Berkley displayed a desire for progress and compassion for many years. She worked within her community as a mentor and help it grow.

Polk said she hopes people would stop accepting the way the world is and instead try to change it.

“I hope people decide to not be complacent, continue to let our voices be heard and to continue to press forward and progress gender parity,” Polk said.

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White House aide launches first wave in final-days PA push

By STEVE PEOPLES THE PARTHENON

In the first wave of the White House's new western Pennsylvania offensive, one of President Donald Trump's chief aides on Thursday attacked Democratic congressional candidate Conor Lamb on abortion while casting Republican Rick Saccone as "a reliable vote" for the president.

White House counselor Kellyanne Conway, the first of three Republican heavyweights set to campaign in the region before Tuesday's special election, charged that even a single vote could affect Trump's policy agenda on Capitol Hill.

"Every vote counts at the ballot box, but very vote counts in Washington right now too," she told a dozen campaign volunteers at an Allegheny County GOP office. She added later, "The president wants a reliable vote in Washington."

Conway acknowledged she was the "warm-up band" for the White House's final-days push to preserve a Republican congressional seat in Pennsylvania's 18th district, a working-class region that stretches from the Pittsburgh suburbs to the West Virginia border. The president is scheduled to attend a local rally on Saturday followed by his son, Donald Trump Jr., on Monday.

The high-profile reinforcements from the president's orbit were welcomed by Saccone, a 60-year-old state representative, who has wholeheartedly embraced Trump throughout his campaign. Trump carried the region by nearly 20 percentage points in 2016. Yet with

the election just days away, polls suggest that Saccone is essentially tied with Lamb, a 33-year-old Marine and former federal prosecutor who has never before run for office.

Former Vice President Joe Biden campaigned on Lamb's behalf earlier in the week, but national Democrats were not expected to bring in additional high-profile surrogates in the campaign's waning days.

"We've got Donald Trump. We've got his son. We've had Ivanka. What does the other side have? They've have crazy uncle Joe Biden," Saccone said before Conway's visit.

"Everybody wants to help," the Republican candidate continued. "It's like President Trump with winning — there's so much help we're going to get tired of help."

The White House is not taking any chances in the latest Trump-era special election, knowing that the result will inevitably reflect upon the president.

Democrats have over-performed in virtually every contest across the country since Trump took the White House. And the sting of the GOP's embarrassing December defeat in Alabama's special Senate race, in which Trump lent his name and time to failed Republican nominee Roy Moore, is still fresh.

Trump's Saturday visit will be his second in two months. Daughter Ivanka Trump appeared with Saccone in a separate visit last month as well and praised him as "a champion" for Republican priorities.

Beyond surrogates, the Republican National

Committee, which is the White House's political arm, has spent more than \$1.1 million so far to support Saccone, said committee spokesman Rick Gorka. Other national groups allied with the GOP have spent nearly \$8 million on advertising in the race, which is more than seven times the amount invested by national Democratic allies not affiliated with the Lamb campaign.

"The RNC is heavily focused on winning this race," Gorka said.

Conway lashed out at Lamb as "extreme" on abortion, seizing on his opposition to a ban on abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy.

"Most pro-choicers say they're for reasonable restrictions. But the Democratic Party platform is not. It essentially is abortion for anyone, anytime, anywhere," Conway said.

Lamb has said he personally opposes abortion as a Catholic, but he supports a woman's right to choose as set in law.

Conway's appearance comes just days after a federal watchdog determined that she violated the federal law prohibiting government officials from using their positions to influence political campaigns.

She repeatedly noted Thursday that she was in Pennsylvania "in her personal capacity" and not on official White House business.

Lamb, meanwhile, shrugged off news of the White House's aggressive strategy when asked late Wednesday.

"We'll find out," Lamb said.

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